

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: May 5, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:38 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Lonnell Conley, Chairman  
Patrice Abdullah  
Mary Moriarty Adams  
Jim Bradford  
Ginny Cain  
Scott Keller  
Dane Mahern  
Angela Mansfield  
Mike Speedy  
Steve Talley

#### Absent Members

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 187, 2005 - appoints Greg Taylor to the Board of Public Works  
"Do Pass" Vote: 10-0

PROPOSAL NO. 188, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Augusta Commons  
(Crossing) Subdivision, Sections 1 and 2 (District 1)  
"Do Pass" Vote: 10-0

PROPOSAL NO. 189, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Country Charm  
Subdivision, Sections 1 and 2 (District 13)  
"Do Pass" Vote: 10-0

PROPOSAL NO. 190, 2005 - authorizes parking control changes on Capitol Avenue  
between Maryland Street and Washington Street (District 19)  
"Do Pass" Vote: 10-0

PROPOSAL NO. 191, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Willow Lakes  
Subdivision, Section 4 (District 21)  
"Do Pass" Vote: 10-0

PROPOSAL NO. 192, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Willow Oaks  
Subdivision, Section 4 (District 21)  
"Do Pass" Vote: 10-0

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, May 5, 2005. Chair Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Mary Moriarty Adams, Jim Bradford, Ginny Cain, Scott Keller, Dane Mahern, Angela Mansfield, Mike Speedy and Steve Talley.

Chair Conley welcomed President Steve Talley to the Public Works Committee.

### PROPOSAL NO. 187, 2005 - appoints Greg Taylor to the Board of Public Works

Greg Taylor, attorney with Locke Reynolds LLP, law firm, stated that he has been practicing law for eight years and graduated from Indiana University, both undergraduate and Law school. Mr. Taylor stated that he is honored to serve on the Board of Public Works. He added that he would take this appointment very seriously and would uphold the standards of what is required. Mr. Taylor stated that he is currently a member of the Equal Opportunity Advisory Board and enjoys the work that he does.

Councillor Abdullah asked if Mr. Taylor had the time to commit to the Board of Public Works. Mr. Taylor stated that he does have the time to commit and would take care of his part.

Councillor Mahern asked for more information regarding the Major Taylor Cycling Team. Mr. Taylor stated that he and three other colleagues started an African American cycling team to participate in Indiana University's Little 500 in 1992. He stated that 52 years prior to creating the Major Taylor Cycling Team, there had been a void of participation on campus or throughout the state of Indiana. As a result of creating the Major Taylor Cycling Team, it has produced participation by a Hispanic team and an African American Team.

Addison Simpson, citizen, stated that he would urge the committee to pass this proposal.

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal No. 187, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation, pending the background check. The motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

### PROPOSAL NO. 188, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Augusta Commons (Crossing) Subdivision, Sections 1 and 2 (District 1)

### PROPOSAL NO. 189, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Country Charm Subdivision, Sections 1 and 2 (District 13)

### PROPOSAL NO. 190, 2005 - authorizes parking control changes on Capitol Avenue between Maryland Street and Washington Street (District 19)

### PROPOSAL NO. 191, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Willow Lakes Subdivision, Section 4 (District 21)

### PRESENTATION – "Keep Indianapolis Beautiful"

PROPOSAL NO. 192, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Willow Oaks Subdivision, Section 4 (District 21)

Nathan Sheets, DPW's Project Manager, read Proposal Nos. 188 through 192, 2005 and stated that all district Councillors have approved these proposals.

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal Nos. 188 through 192 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

PRESENTATION – "Keep Indianapolis Beautiful": David Forsell, President.

David Forsell, President of "Keep Indianapolis Beautiful"(KIB) stated that KIB was created in 1976 as a City agency and became non-profit organization. He stated that KIB is primary program areas are Anti-Litter, Recycling, Environmental Education, and Neighborhood Beautification. Mr. Forsell said that the mission of KIB is to beautify the city, improve its environment, and foster pride in the community. This is done by uniting people around a common purpose, which is about a vibrant community, and creating better places to live, work, and play.

{Clerks Note: A copy of the presentation is on file with the original set minutes in the Council office.}

Key points are:

- The Department of Public Works is 30% of KIB's annual income.
- In 2004 there were 450 Community Improvement Projects that engaged about 30,000 volunteers.
- The City contract investment is \$325,000, and related private investment contracts are \$2,487,000.
- KIB has secured \$7.65 for every dollar the City invested.
- Research indicated that businesses do better in beautiful places, and Greenspace reduces crime and builds community.
- City dollars are crucial to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and its work.

Councillor Bradford asked how the "Adopt-A-Median" program works. Mr. Forsell said that if an organization adopts a median then the minimal requirements would be to take over the mowing and anti-litter on that median. The good thing about this program is that if an organization takes over a median then this would reduce the cost for the City government. Councillor Bradford asked how to get someone to look at a specific median that needs work. Mr. Forsell stated that if there are some areas that need some attention to contact KIB. Councillor Bradford asked who pays for the advertising sign that is placed on the median after that median is adopted. Mr. Forsell said the City of Indianapolis pays for the sign if it is a basic sign, but if the organization asked for a logo or something different, then the organization would pay the city \$100.00 to produce the sign. Councillor Bradford stated that some of signs are classified as

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being illegal and asked if there is some type of set standard for the signs. Pat Carroll, DPW Operations, stated that if there are signs that are out there that are obstructing visibility on the road to notify DPW.

Councillor Speedy asked if there is still a need for companies or organizations to adopt medians. Mr. Forsell answered in the affirmative and added that interested organizations should contact KIB.

Councillor Mansfield stated that the wording on the signs is more legible if they are kept simple and basic. Mr. Forsell said they are trying to become more consistent with installation on the signs.

Councillor Abdullah stated that he supports KIB and is very impressed with the work that is done.

Mr. Forsell stated that a lot of people support and donate time, volunteers, and services to the mission of KIB.

#### CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnell Conley, Chairman  
Public Works Committee

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